

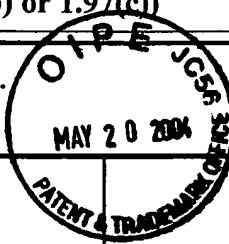
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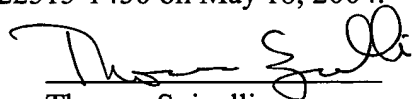
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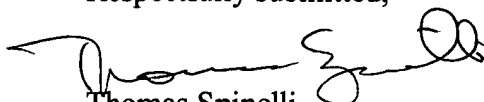

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3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 4-8341, dated January 13, 1992, together with English-language Abstract;
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The references were cited in the International Search Report of a corresponding International PCT Application. Applicants are submitting copies references 1-6, together with a copy of the Search Report. In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i), per 1276 OG 55, August 5, 2003, applicants are not required to submit copies of the above-cited U.S. Patent references. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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